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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2025091066](#)

Dear Ryan Osenton,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Civic Center Master Plan (Project). The proposed Project includes demolishing the existing City Hall, Wheeler Auditorium, senior center, civic center parking lot, and Hanna Street to construct a new City Hall, multi-generational recreation and aquatics center, multi-generational community center, and a paseo and civic park, as well as new parking spaces. The existing police station, library, and residences would remain. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any Project sites included in the proposed Project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition,

sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#).

2. All imported soil/fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's PEA Guidance Manual](#). Additionally, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil/fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material are suitable for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting [DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\) webpage](#).

DTSC reserves the right to comment on any future circulated documents related to this Project based on our review or proposed or incorporated changes, measures, or project features. DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the Civic Center Master Plan. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact us via our [CEQA Review email](#).

Sincerely,

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